



Uniting Church of Australia **BOLWARRA**

Newsletter

10 November 2025

Exciting news this month is that our Church is now fully air conditioned!! This was funded partly from some of the proceeds raised at our Spring Fair with the balance funded by Maitland Regional Council. This is a great asset and a much-needed facility for our church. The hall and kitchen were air conditioned approximately two years ago which has made it more comfortable especially during hot weather. We now have a defibrillator, which is located in the kitchen and WIFI facilities.

Rev Dr Rod Pattenden has invited all members of Maitland Uniting Churches to attend a morning conversation session on Wednesday 12 November at Morpeth Uniting Church 10-11.30am to consider our life together and look for ways to support current groups and our future development. It would be great to see as many people as possible go along and have a say about our future direction. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Our Bolwarra Uniting Church annual Spring Fair, held on Saturday 18 October, was another great success! As well as our usual plants, cakes, second-hand books, crafts, car boot wares and Devonshire Teas, we had a coffee cart and children's activities including facepainting, puppet making and a colouring-in competition. MUNCH had a table to talk to attendees about the great work supporting the disadvantaged that these volunteers do in our Maitland community. It was wonderful to see the other Maitland Uniting churches support this event. As always, this event would not be possible without the hard work of our fabulous Bolwarra volunteers and the generosity and support from our local community.



Spring Fair 2025 – Cakes and goodies, MUNCH, second-hand books and plants

On 30 November, the first Sunday in Advent, we welcome the Moderator Rev Mata Havea Hiliau, who will lead our combined worship at Morpeth Uniting Church at 10am. The service will be followed by morning tea. This will be a great opportunity to meet the Moderator, so please come along. There is a flyer at the end of this newsletter with more information.

We had another fabulous family "Messy Church" on Sunday 9 November with two new families coming along. Children enjoyed activities celebrating 'Good Hands' including making handprint craft animals, planting pumpkin seeds in cups and world in hands activity. As usual, there was also lots of fun singing, playing percussion instruments and listening to a story. Another yummy sausage sizzle was enjoyed afterwards for dinner followed by cakes and ice blocks. A huge thank you to all our volunteers who made the evening such a success. Our next Messy Church will be held on Sunday **December 14** the theme will be 'Christmas'. Everyone of all ages is welcome!



November Messy Church was lots of fun with handprint animal craft, seed planting and world in hands activities

A huge thank you to Louise and Lindsay for clearing out the shed of the old chairs and rubbish and tidying up the gardens. We have a paid cleaner commencing this week, so we no longer need a cleaning roster. Thank you to everyone who has kept our church clean over the years - the time and effort people put into our church in so many ways is what makes it such a great place to worship.

A reminder that on the first Sunday of every month, members from Maitland Uniting Churches gather for lunch, organised by Wendy Allomes. The venue changes each month, and it is a great opportunity for fellowship. Please RSVP to Wendy on 0494153739 so seating can be arranged.

FOCASS is held every first and third Tuesday of each month from 1.30-3.30pm at Morpeth Uniting Church Hall. Afternoon tea is included. Upcoming events are:

18 November Ron Jackson will provide the entertainment with Christmas songs.

2 December Christmas luncheon at Morpeth Commercial Hotel 12 noon 127 Swan Street, Morpeth. This will be the last meeting for 2025.

For more information, please contact Janet Hubbard on 0437773733.

Community Life



Maitland Uniting Churches

An invitation to members of the Maitland Uniting Churches to gather together and review our life in fellowship and service. We will overview current fellowship activities, look for ways we can support each other, and plan for better reaching the wider community. We aim to form an ongoing task group to co-ordinate our future planning and look for ways we can grow. Please come and contribute your energy and ideas.

Wednesday 12th November 2025
Morpeth Uniting Church 10 - 11.30am

Cnr High and Northumberland Sts
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JOIN US FOR

Bolwarra's Christmas Messy Church

DECEMBER 14, 2025;
START AT 4 PM

Dinner provided at 5pm (free)

Bolwarra Uniting Church, 4 Canna St

Messy church is all about fun, mess and creativity in
a welcoming, safe, all age environment



FOR MORE INFORMATION
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First Sunday in Advent



Maitland Uniting Churches

We are pleased to welcome the Moderator Rev Mata Havea Hiliau who will lead our worship as we begin our Advent journey - a season change and hope. The Moderator provides prophetic and pastoral leadership to the congregations of the Synod and is called to remind the church of its hope in Jesus Christ. She is a strong advocate for justice and is a strong voice for the Church in public debate. The service will be followed by morning tea.

Sunday 30th November 2025

Morpeth Uniting Church 10am

Cnr High and Northumberland Sts

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FOCASS

(Friendship, Outings, Community,
Activities, Sharing and Support)



Maitland Uniting Churches

1st & 3rd Tuesday

of each month

1:30-3:30pm

at Morpeth Uniting Church Hall

Cnr High & Northumberland Streets, Morpeth

Come along and bring a friend!

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